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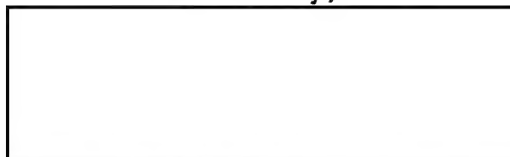
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Mr. John Collins
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Washington, D.C. 20540

Dear Mr. Collins:

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Sincerely,



George L. Cary
Legislative Counsel

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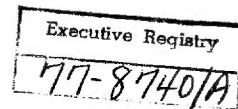
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Yours sincerely,

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August 15, 1977

Vice Admiral Stansfield Turner
Director of Central Intelligence
Headquarters, Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Admiral Turner:

A member of Congress has commissioned me to produce a new assessment of the U.S./Soviet military balance for publication as a congressional document in January 1978, whether or not I remain at the Library of Congress. It will subsume, supplement, and supersede my two previous studies on the subject, which are inclosed.

If you care to critique either or both at this stage, I promise to consider your comments carefully. I am especially interested in factual errors, omissions, interpretations, and updates. Contributions, which must be unclassified, are acceptable in whatever form you find most convenient: as a hand-written or typed memorandum; as notations on the documents; telephonically (my number is 202-426-5060); by personal conversation in your office or wherever else you choose; or any combination of the above. I have a Top Secret security clearance on file with DOD if classified discussions seem essential. A "Q" clearance is pending.

A draft outline and study plan is already being used to shape the new document. Revisions will be made if required. I therefore request that comments reach me not later than September 9, 1977 if you take this opportunity to express your point of view. Earlier answers would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John M. Collins".

John M. Collins
Senior Specialist in
National Defense

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